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# The Difference Ring Approach for Symbolic Summation

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where

$$S_1(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \quad (= H_n)$$

Arose in the context of

I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, and S. Klein, **Evaluating two-loop massive operator matrix elements with Mellin-Barnes integrals.** 2006

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↑ summation package Sigma

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**Sigma computes:**  $c_0(n) = -n$ ,  $c_1(n) = (n+2)$  and

$$g(n, k) = \frac{kS_1(k) + (-n-1)S_1(n) - kS_1(k+n) - 2}{(k+n+1)(n+1)^2}$$

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recurrence finder

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recurrence solver

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$\in$

$$\left\{ c \times \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{S_1(n)^2 + S_2(n)}{2n(n+1)} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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## Summation package Sigma

(based on difference field/ring algorithms/theory

see, e.g., Abramov, Karr 1981, Bronstein 2000, Schneider 2001/2004/2005a-c/2007/2008/2010a-c)

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## Combine the solutions

$$\text{In[9]:= FindLinearCombination}[\text{recSol}, \{1, \{1/2\}, n, 2]$$

$$\text{Out[9]= } \frac{S[1,n]^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2}}{2n(n+1)}$$

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$$\left( \binom{j+1}{r} \left( \frac{(-1)^r (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n+1)(-j+n+r-1)(-j+n+r)!} + \frac{(-1)^{n+r} (j+1)! (-j+n-2)! (-j+n-1)_r r!}{(n-1)n(n+1)(-j+n+r)! (-j-1)_r (2-n)_j} \right) \right)$$

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Note:  $S_a(n) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\text{sign}(a)^i}{i^{|a|}}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

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# Sigma.m is based on difference ring/field theory

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# The underlying framework: difference ring theory

[a gentle introduction]

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Consider the map

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It is **almost** a ring homomorphism :

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It is an **injective** ring homomorphism (**ring embedding**):

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$$\text{const}_\sigma \mathbb{A} = \{c \in \mathbb{A} \mid \sigma(c) = c\} = \mathbb{Q}$$

This is a special case of an  $R\Pi\Sigma$ -ring

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$$\Updownarrow$$

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shift operator

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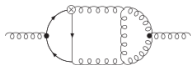
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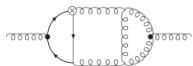
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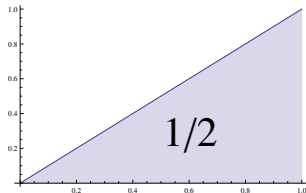


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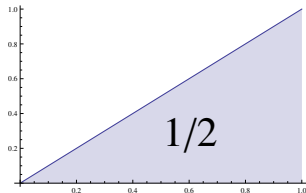
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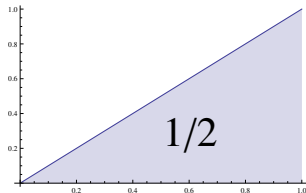


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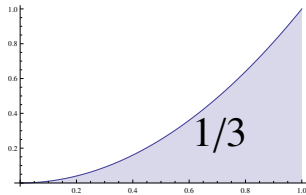


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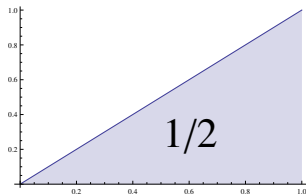
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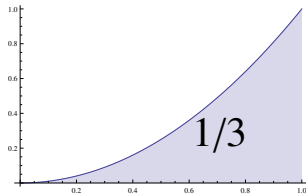
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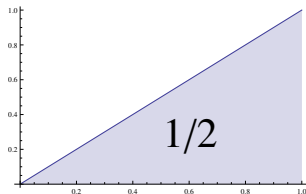
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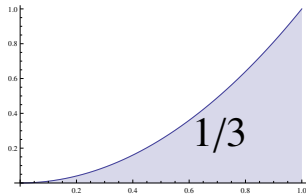
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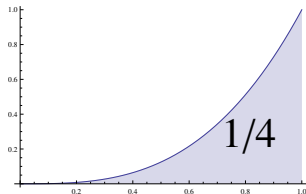
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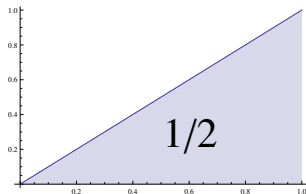
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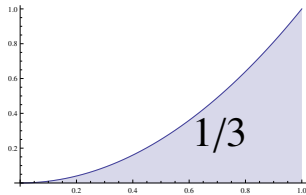
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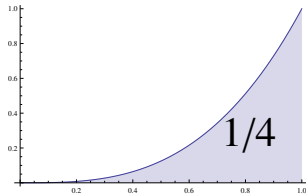
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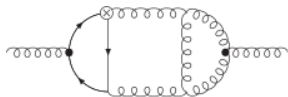
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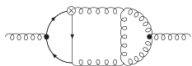
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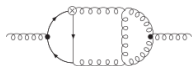
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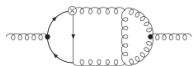
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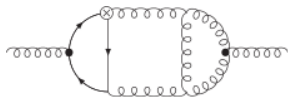
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Example 1:

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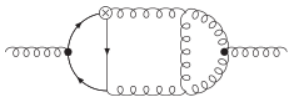


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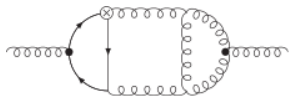


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Simplify

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$$\left[ 4S_1(-j+N-1) - 4S_1(-j+N-2) - 2S_1(k) \right.$$

$$\left. - (S_1(-l+N-q-2) + S_1(-l+N-q-r-s-3) - 2S_1(r+s)) \right.$$

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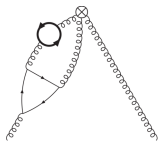
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Example 2:

2-mass 3-loop Feynman integrals



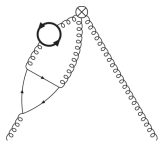
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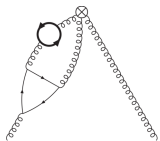


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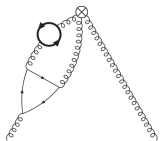
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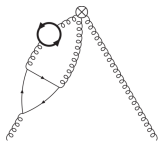
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6 hours for this sum

$\sim$  10 years of calculation time for full expression

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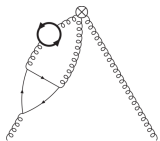
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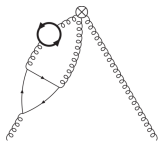
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sum	size of sum (with $\varepsilon$ )	summand size of constant term	time of calculation	number of indef. sums
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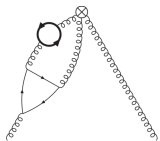
Most complicated objects: generalized binomial sums, like

$$\sum_{h=1}^N 2^{-2h} (1-\eta)^h \binom{2h}{h} \left( \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{2^{2i} (1-\eta)^{-i}}{i \binom{2i}{i}} \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{(1-\eta)^i \binom{2i}{i}}{2^{2i}} \right) \times$$

$$\times \left( \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{2^{2i} (1-\eta)^{-i} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{\sum_{k=1}^j (1-\eta)^k}{k}}{i \binom{2i}{i}} \right).$$

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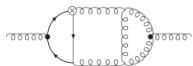
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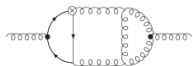
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